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SUBDISTRICTS 2 AND 3 REOPEN TO COMMERCIAL FISHING

Norton Sound Subdistricts 2 and 3, the Golovin and Elim Subdistricts, will reopen to commercial salmon fishing for 48 hours from 6:00 p.m. Monday, August 19 to 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 21. Coho salmon escapement counts at the Kwiniuk River tower east of Elim have been steadily averaging 100 fish a day since early August. Projected escapement for the season is expected to range from 4,100–6,300 coho salmon based on the current cumulative escapement of 2,250 cohos. This level of inriver abundance will easily provide for upriver subsistence harvests as well as the aerial survey escapement goal of 650–1,300 coho salmon. The most recent aerial survey of the Niukluk River indicated good early abundance of coho salmon in the Fish River drainage. Additional aerial surveys of the Niukluk River and lower Fish River drainage will be flown later this week or weekend to continue monitoring inriver abundance of coho salmon.